

House Resolution 336

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Scoggins of the 14th, and Kelley of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing Whitley Stewart for winning the World Wake Surfing
2 Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Whitley Stewart, the beloved daughter of Robby and Deena Stewart of
4 Cartersville, Georgia, is a freshman at North Cobb Christian School and is a 14 year old
5 wake surfing protégé; and

6 WHEREAS, Whitley began wake surfing on August 3, 2016, and discovered her passion for
7 the sport after just one lesson; after years of ocean surfing on family vacations, Whitley
8 began wake surfing training on Lake Allatoona; and

9 WHEREAS, Whitley trained on Lake Allatoona nearly every week during the summer of
10 2016, and her enthusiasm and determination in preparation for competition were
11 unparalleled; she began competition in June, 2017, going undefeated for most of the season
12 before winning nationals at Pine Mountain; and

13 WHEREAS, she moved up to the open-aged women's skim division and perfected her arsenal
14 of tricks and mental approach to wake surfing; and

15 WHEREAS, Whitley began competing against women twice her age, some of whom had
16 been wake surfing long before Whitley was born; she won a national title in Michigan before
17 winning her heat and the final round of the World Wake Surfing Championships in Utah; and

18 WHEREAS, her near flawless performance in the final round earned her a personal best
19 score and the World Wake Surfing Championship title; and

20 WHEREAS, next year, Whitley will move up to the outlaw division of wake surfing, which
21 is a semi-pro level; her former instructor believes she will soon become a professional wake
22 surfer; and

23 WHEREAS, as this magnificent Georgian earned her well-deserved reputation for excellence
24 by performing with courage and precision over months of training and competition, it is
25 abundantly proper to call her a champion.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Whitley Stewart for winning the World Wake Surfing
28 Championship and extend best wishes for continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
31 Whitley Stewart.